**In the [High Court of Justice No: [*Case number*]**



**Family Division] / [*name of District Registry*]**

**sitting at [*Court name*]**

**[The Children Act 1989] /**

**[The Senior Courts Act 1981]**

**(delete as appropriate)**

After hearing [*name the advocates(s) who appeared*]

After reading the statements and hearing the witnesses specified in the recitals below

**ORDER MADE BY [*NAME OF JUDGE*] [SITTING AS] A JUDGE OF THE HIGH COURT, FAMILY DIVISION ON [*DATE*]**

**The parties**

1. The applicant is [*applicant name*]

The respondent is [*respondent name*] (a child born on [*date of birth*]) acting by [his] / [her] guardian [*name*])

[The second respondent is [*further respondents names*]]

**(specify if any adult party acts by a litigation friend)**

1. [*Insert where relevant* **(i.e set out the relationship to the subject of the order; e.g. [second respondent name] is the mother of [respondent name])]**

**Recitals**

1. The court is satisfied that:
   1. [*Respondent name*] is in a permanent vegetative state;
   2. there will be no further change or improvement in [his] / [her] condition; and
   3. there is no treatment available which could confer any benefit on [*respondent name*] and that accordingly [his] / [her] treatment regime is futile
2. The judge read the following [affidavits] / [witness statements] [*insert*] and heard oral testimony from [*name*].

**IT IS DECLARED THAT:**

1. [*Respondent name*] is a [child] / [young person] born on [*date of birth*],and thereforepresently under the age of 18, whose interests have been represented by [*specify by whom*] in these proceedings which took place in order to make decisions about the medical treatment [he] / [she] should receive, including the withdrawal of artificial nutrition and hydration and/or other life-sustaining treatment.
2. It is lawful and in [*respondent name*]’s best interests for life-sustaining treatment in the form of artificial nutrition and hydration to be withdrawn from [him] / [her].
3. It is in [*respondent name*]’s best interests to receive such treatment and nursing care as may be appropriate to ensure that [he] / [she] retains the greatest dignity until [his] / [her] life ends.
4. A reporting restrictions order and other related injunctions have been made today [*date*] (which for convenience are attached to this order) and no report may be made of this order until the public judgment of the court has been handed down, intended to be during the week commencing [*date*].

**IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. [*Insert orders as to costs* **(e.g. [name] nhs trust is to pay half of the costs of the respondent, to be subject to detailed assessment if not agreed)**].

Dated [*date*]

**Communications with the court**

All communications to the court about this order should be sent to:

[*Insert the address and telephone number of the appropriate Court Office*]

If the order is made at the Royal Courts of Justice, communications should be addressed as follows:

The Clerk of the Rules, Queen’s Building, Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL quoting the case number. The telephone number is 020 7947 6543.

The offices are open between 10.00am and 4.30pm Monday to Friday.

**Name and address of applicant’s legal representatives**

The applicant’s legal representatives are:

[*Name, address, reference, fax and telephone numbers (both in and out of office hours) and email*]